

March Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 4pm with the Pledge, a Prayer and a Moment of Silence for the Troops.

Secretary's Report was given by Jim, Motion to accept by Wes, second by Parsell, Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Shelby, motion to accept report as read by Dick, second by Butch, motion carried.

Awareness Report was given by Marlene, which she updated us on the schools she's covered and up-coming classes. Marlene also reminded us that we will be doing an AWARENESS RIDE in May, starting at Evergreen Park. Date and time to be finalized at the MRF Fund Night/ Spaghetti Dinner at Farmers Tavern in Ruth on March 23. ALL AWARENESS people are asked to be an hour early for this event, so we can get everyone's input on this ride!!!! Thanks Marlene and ALL her helpers!!!

Legislative Report was given by Butch who has spent lots of time in Lansing, meeting with all the new Legislators. Struggles continue with the Insurance reform package, they want advice on how to fix the problem!! Butch read a portion of the study that took place earlier with the funds from our Awareness package that was passed into law. We need to protect the funds and make sure that they are used as intended, NOT FOR STUDIES!!

Triathlon Report was given by Marlene, everyone had a GREAT time, great food and all proceeds were sent into the state. Great job again Marlene and Jim!!

Membership report by Shelby with just a reminder to check your membership cards and that all information is correct on them!! Butch reported that there would be No More Free bike tickets concerning ABATE memberships! We need those funds for ABATE!

Open Floor Discussion: Our flags at Evergreen Park will be up by the Rest in Peace Ride. Merry Garret's first meeting in Region 6 is March 10th at the Roadside, support her if you can by showing up!!! Butch is checking on a park for a possible party to help raise funds for ABATE. Parcus, Butch and I talked earlier about this and decided to give it a try, if the campgrounds are available! Butch also reported

that John Espanoza, a loyal supporter of ABATE, has had a stroke. We will keep him in our prayers!! Please stay in contact with our new Secretary of State Jocelyne Benson at 517-335-3269. Her Department did not follow the Legislative intent of our AWARENESS Bill!!!

Motion to adjourn was made by Wes, second by Parcell, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Until next month, be safe and watch out for ice!!! Don't forget to check out our Region 7 Facebook page for flyers, info, updates and messages to all members!!
Tim